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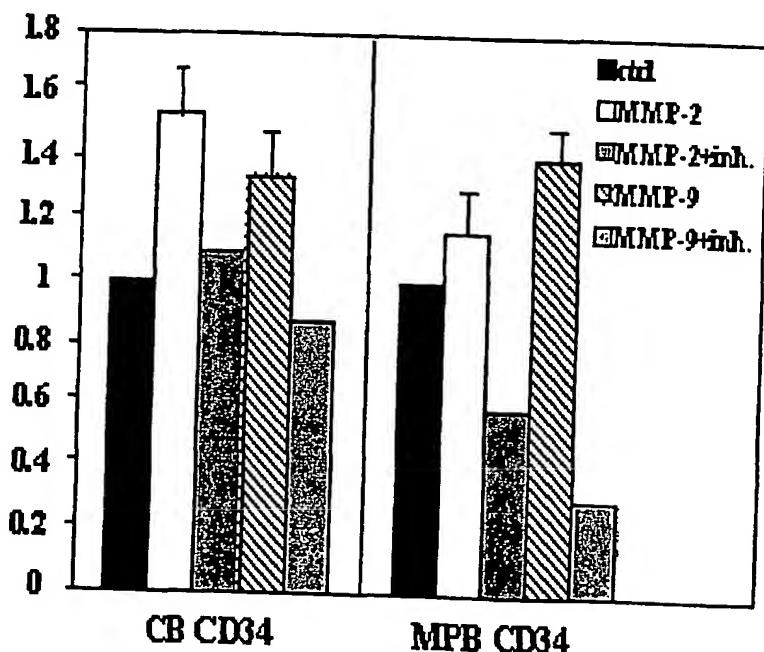
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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
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Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

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- The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-40,54-62 (all completely)

A method of increasing sensitivity of stem cells to a chemoattractant, the method comprising exposing the stem cells to a matrix metalloprotease or an active portion thereof, which is capable of increasing a level of at least one chemoattractant receptor of the stem cells to thereby increase the sensitivity of the stem cells to the chemoattractant, and subject-matter related thereto.

2. claims: 41-53 (all completely)

A nucleic acid construct comprising a first polynucleotide sequence encoding a matrix metalloprotease or an active portion thereof and an inducible cis-acting regulatory element for directing expression of said polynucleotide in cells, and subject-matter related thereto.

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